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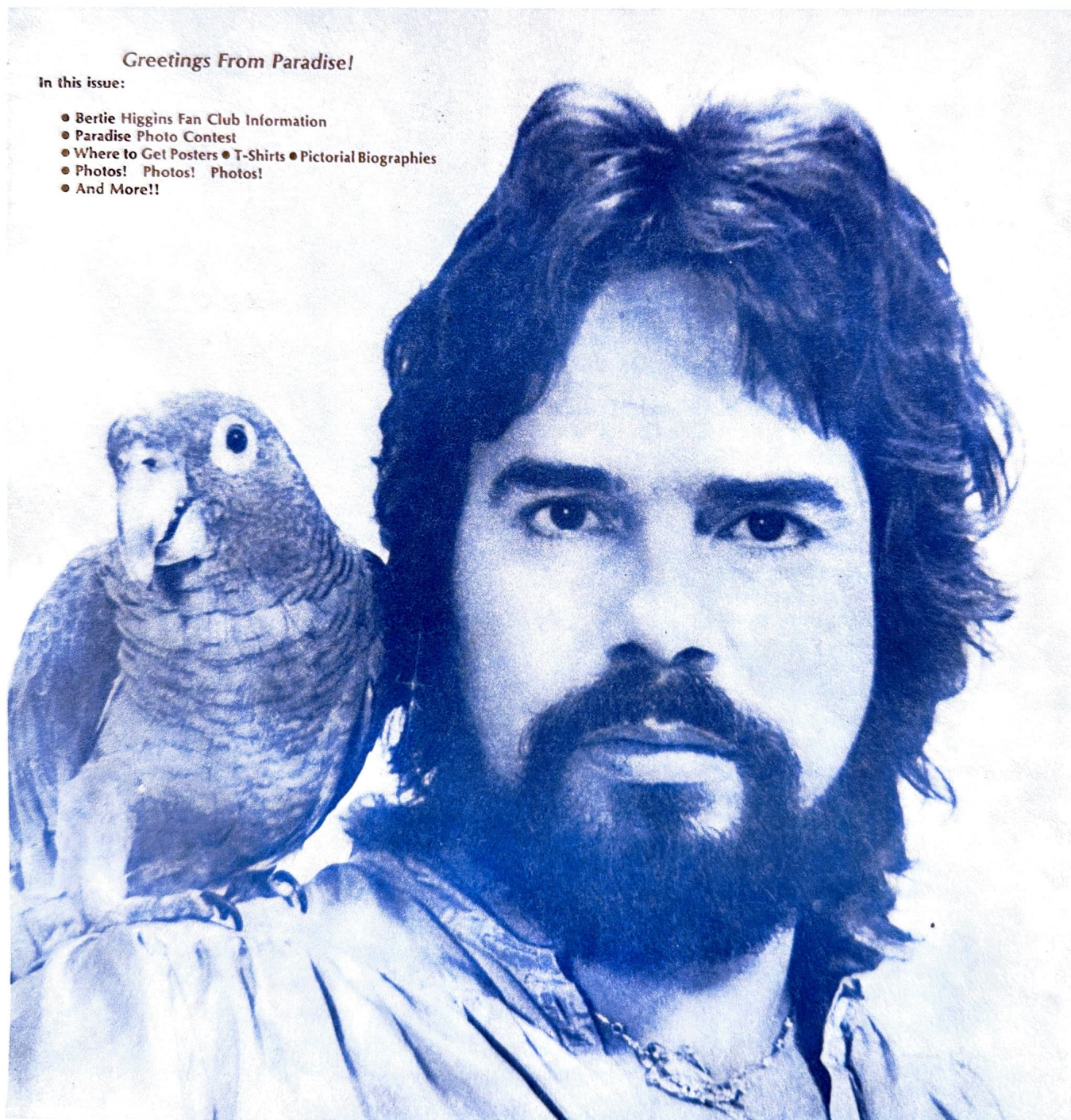
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Greetings From Paradise!

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NEW ALBUM

Bertie has been busy these past few months writing the soon to be released third album. The LP will be entitled *Florida* and will include more of those warm and wonderful love songs he's famous for as well as tales of treachery and tempestuous romance in the Tropics.

A WORLD OF AWARDS

October 12, 1983 was an auspicious occasion for Bertie as he attended The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) Awards Dinner for the Country Music Industry. It was this evening that the Society presented him with a plaque naming him as the Artist/Writer of one of the five most frequently played songs on all Radio Stations in the nation for 1982. The song that got the Award? *Key Largo*, of course!

As if that were not enough excitement for one week (not to mention one month!), when Bertie arrived home a few days later he found he had received a small package from Japan. Inside of the package, printed on gilded parchment and hand-lettered in oriental characters was a scroll bestowing upon him the honor of being the *most promising new artist of 1982 in all of Japan*.

We are really excited about the recently released single *When You Fall In Love* from the *Pirates and Poets* album. Already it has begun that familiar Higgins climb up the charts. Watch for the Video on your cable affiliate and call your favorite Top 40 and Country Radio Stations and tell them you want to hear it again and again and again!!!

When You Fall In Love

Never knew I needed
Needed someone before
Never knew I wanted
Wanted something more
You never feel the feeling
'til it finally comes around
You never know you're searching
'til you find what you have found

(Chorus)

When you fall in love
With the one that falls in love with you
And you're reaching out to touch the one
Who's trying to touch you too
Then you realize that all your dreams
Really can come true
When you fall in love
Just like I fell in love with you.

Never knew my days were empty
'til you filled my nights with love
Never knew it was simply
You I'd been dreaming of
My heart was sleeping
'til you woke it with your touch
And now I rise and realize
What I need and want so much.

(Repeat Chorus)

Just Another Day In Paradise



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PICTURES OF PARADISE PHOTO CONTEST

Prizes * Prizes * Prizes

Have you ever been to a place you wished you never had to leave? Have you ever had a secret place you loved to get away to all by yourself, or with someone very special? Send us your *Picture of Paradise*. The contest closes January 1, 1984 so don't delay. Send each entry separately and include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Be sure to write your name, address; and a brief description on the back of the photo in ballpoint pen. Prizes include: a stamped promo album autographed by Bertie, world tour jerseys, and a personal phone call from Mr. Paradise himself!!



LAYING IT DOWN ON LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

See that guy to the right of Mr. H? That's Roy Orbison, a Rock and Roll legend in his own time, sitting in on the final mixing of *Leah* (Pirates and Poets). Roy originally wrote the song in the early sixties. Bertie loved it and decided to include it on the *Pirates and Poets* album. Roy came by to put on a harmony and was favorably impressed by the emotional interpretation and harmonic interplay of Bertie's version of the tune. Shown left to right are: Sonny Limbo, producer; Roy Orbison, Mike Sullivan, Bertie and Scott Maclellan, co-producer.



ABOARD THE AFRICAN QUEEN

Who's that waving for help from the port side of the African Queen? No, not Bogie! It's Bertie! He and the Paradise Band were treated to a recent voyage on the infamous vessel while in Key Largo. The boys in the Paradise Band are Chris Franklin, Guitar and Mandolin; Edward Higgins, Percussion; Tommy Kennedy, Drums; John Healy, Keyboards and oh yeah, don't forget D.C.! Dave Cardinali, our sound man, twirling the knobs to make it all come out just right!

A NOTE ABOUT THE PICTORIAL BIOGRAPHY

Many of you have ordered a pictorial biography from Blue Moon Enterprises along with T-shirts or posters. By now (or very soon) you should have received those shirts and/or posters with a note from Bertie to let you know that the biography is still in production. Being a *pictorial biography* makes the project a bit more demanding as we must choose just the right pictures to tell the Bertie Higgins story. We think we've put together a pretty impressive story for you and we should start shipping the biographies to those patient people who already order them within a couple of weeks. As for those who don't have your order in yet, the request list for the first edition is nearly full so don't delay!

T-shirts: There have been numerous requests in your letters for information on how to order shirts and jerseys. On the back page of the newsletter is a handy order form. Please use it when sending for your shirts.

JAPAN PHOTO SEQUENCE "WORLD TOUR '83"

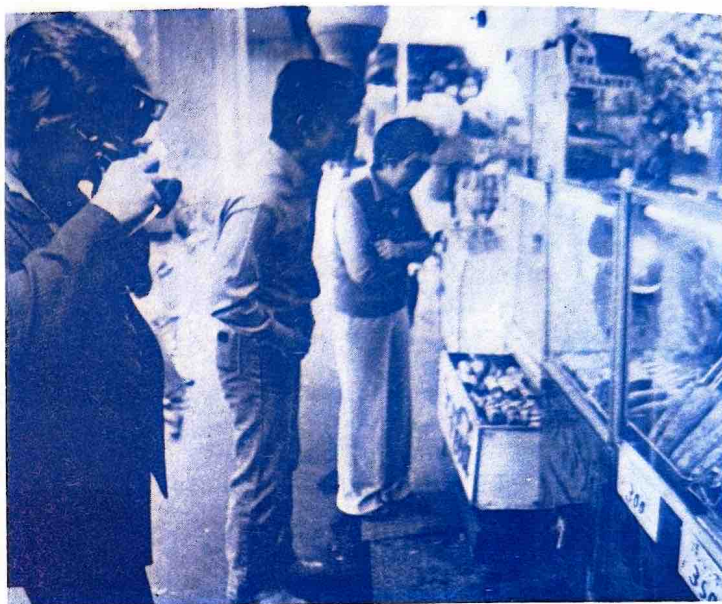
! Tokyo Joe? No, No!

This is Hilo Umehara in charge of foreign affairs for CBS/Sony in Japan showing Bertie and the Paradise Band around Tokyo for a day. During the recent *Pirates and Poets* World Tour '83, Bertie was the toast of Japan. Performances in Tokyo, Nagoya, Osaka, and Yokohama to screaming capacity crowds led us to believe that this country, for all it's simple beauty and respect for tradition, has a very sophisticated and contemporary taste for music.



single is Mike Sullivan, president of KAT Family Records. Just a few months later, the people at CBS/Sony shipped Bertie a similar plaque with two platinum discs, commemorating the *Double Platinum* status of the album in Japan.

Strolling through Yokohama Park in Tokyo, Bertie stops to snap a photo of the fare at the concession stand. Anyone care for a snack? How about SQUID on a stick? YUMMMMMM!!



Bertie stops to chat and sign autographs for a few young ladies while in the park.



Just Another Day In Paradise goes gold in Japan. Presenting the well deserved Gold Disc to Bertie is the president of CBS/Sony, to the left of Bertie holding the gold



Bertie and Beverly At The Top in Yokohama Tower.
Another lovely Big Blue Bay.



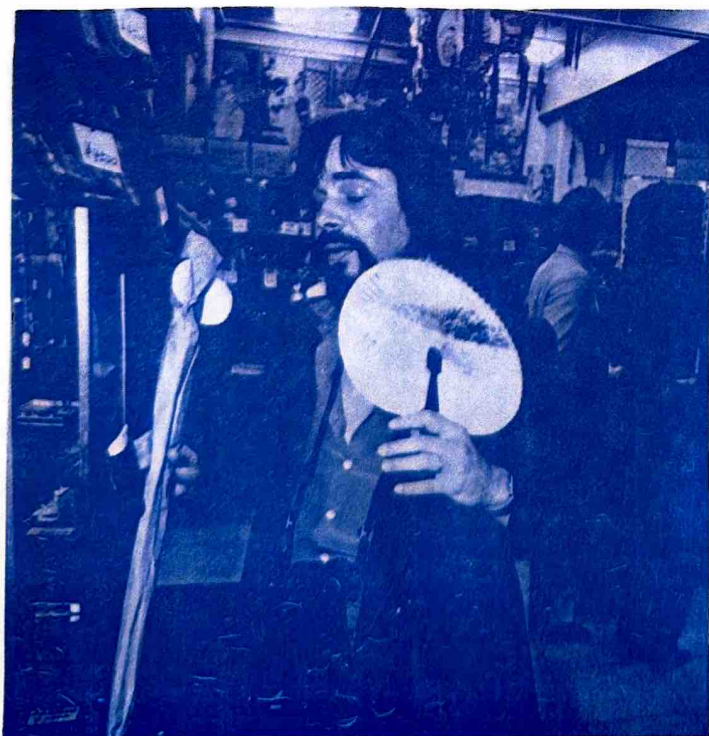
On his way to do the Japanese National Television
Program *Funky Tomato* (the latest in popular music) Bertie
stops for a few quick photos.



As the *Toast of Japan* Bertie enjoys dinner at the world
famous restaurant *Maxim's* with an international host of
friends. Seated at Bertie's right are Mr. Totts, Japanese Tour
Promoter and Joel Katz of KAT Family.



AHHH so cool! Just like everyone else Bertie loves
browsing the quaint shops and special boutiques of
Yokohama city's own version of *Chinatown*.



ZZZZZZ....Bertie grabs a few minutes of well deserved
rest on the way to Osaka. That's easy riding the *Bullet Train* at a
very smooth 135 M.P.H.



FAN CLUB

Many of you have been asking for information concerning the *Bertie Higgins Fan Club*, so we have printed a membership registration form in this newsletter. Simply return the completed form and we will enroll you as a member of the club. Your membership includes two signed full color posters, a personalized membership card, a monthly newsletter like this one, and a current schedule of appearances.

YES! Enroll ME in **THE BERTIE HIGGINS FAN CLUB TODAY!** I am enclosing ten dollars for one year's membership.

Name: **Age**

Address

Signature

Mail to Bertie Higgins Fan Club
P.O. Box 727
Tarpon Springs, Florida 33589

KEY LARGO

In almost every letter we receive there is a request for lyrics from the first album. In every newsletter we will try to print one of the songs. Here's the first one and it is:

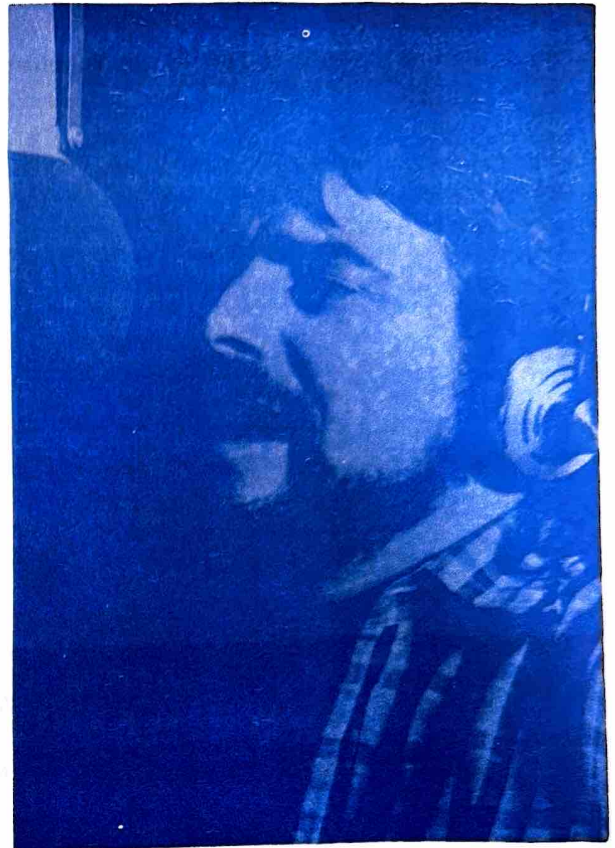
Key Largo

Wrapped around each other
Tryin' so hard to stay warm
That first cold winter together
Lyn' in each other's arms
Watching those old movies
Falling in love so desperately
Honey I was your hero
And you were my leading lady.

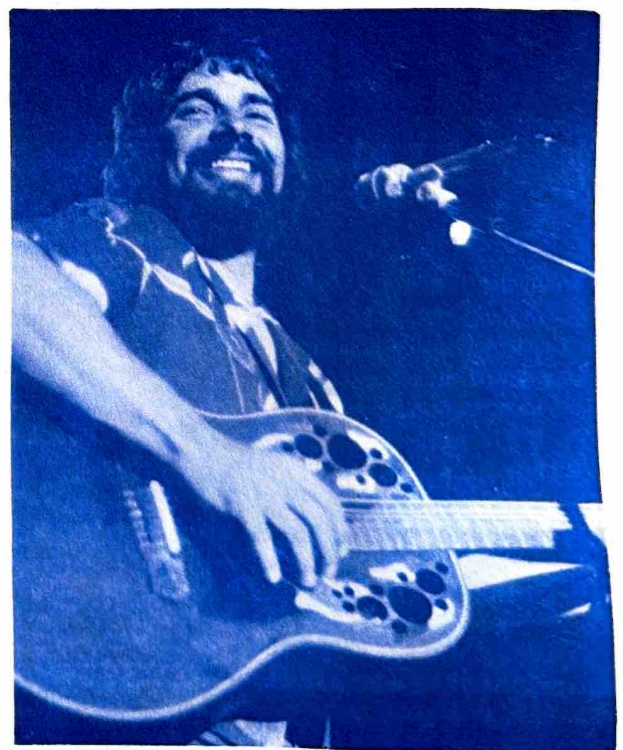
(Chorus)

We had it all
Just like Bogie and Bacall
Starring in our own late, late show
Sailing away to Key Largo
Here's looking at you kid
Missing all the things we did
We can find it once again, I know
Just like they did in Key Largo.
Honey can't you remember
We played all the parts
That sweet scene of surrender
When you gave me your heart?
Please say you will
Play it again
'Cause I love you still
Baby, this can't be the end.

(Repeat Chorus)



One of the rare photographs of the studio work on the first album, actually the recording of *Key Largo* where it all began. Lookout Mountain Pyramid Eye Studios, Georgia, U.S.A.



THE PARADISE POST OFFICE

Bertie Answers Your Questions

- Q: Is Bertie really a Bogie fan?
A: You bet. He wasn't watching the *Late, Late Show* just by chance. Each and every one of those old movies is a classic!
Q: How tall is Bertie?
A: In bare feet, all of five feet seven inches.
Q: What is your favorite food?
A: Greek cooking, all of it!
Q: When is your birthday?
A: The eighth of December.
Q: If you live in Florida, do you go to Atlanta very much?
A: If I'm headed in that direction, I always stop in Atlanta. I love it there and it's also the home of KAT Family Records.
Q: At what age did you begin performing?
A: Twelve years old. That entire story is in the pictorial biography which will be finished very soon.

LETTERS * LETTERS * LETTERS

Dear Bertie:

I have just bought your LP *Key Largo* which has just been released in England. I must confess I had never heard of you until a friend bought me your single of *Key Largo*, which I fell in love with after hearing it played just once. Your LP is very pleasant listening and very professional in every way. The choice of tunes and musical background is lovely and I have almost worn the record out and driven my family nuts by playing it whenever the TV isn't on. Congratulations and I hope it is a huge success for you.

Best Wishes,
Marjorie Yee Mansfield
England

Dear Sir:

Judy Collins made a comment one time pertaining to music. Everytime I listen to one of Bertie Higgins songs, I can relate to this comment. She said, "Music is the most extraordinary of mediums, it is the only thing that enters both hemispheres of the brain simultaneously by passing our rational functions and affecting us in a very deep way."

Everytime I listen to one of Bertie's albums or introduce his music to one of my friends, we are all affected. Please Bertie, I hope you continue, we love your music.

Marcia M. Arbogast
Fremont, Ohio

Hello!

I just got the first album from Bertie Higgins. Me and some of my friends like it very much. Maybe you can tell me an address where I can write to, to get more information about Bertie Higgins. Maybe it's possible to send the lyrics of his album and perhaps there are other things like T-shirts. This is the only address on the *Just Another Day In Paradise* album, so please help me and tell me if there's another album. You see this one is from 1982 and it's not very easy to get albums like this one in W. Germany. Thank you very much for your help.

Hans-Georg Kulik
Hannover, W. Germany

Dear Sir:

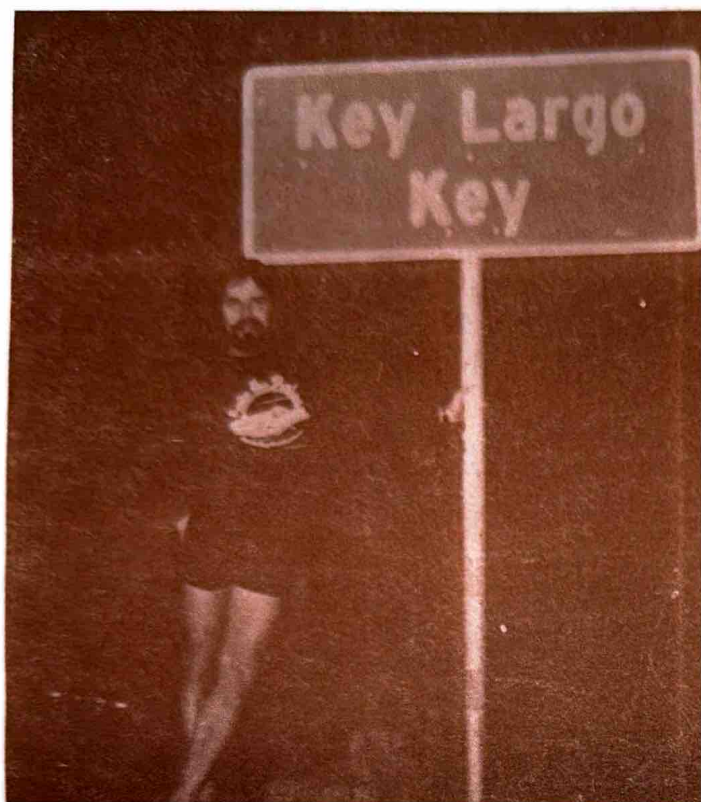
Bertie Higgins is to be congratulated not once but twice for producing two spectacular albums. *Just Another Day In Paradise*, Bertie's debut is one of the most romantic albums I have ever heard. My girlfriend and I would curl up together in our cottage in the Muskakas and listen to the splendid sounds of *Just Another Day*... All the songs are destined to become classics. The picturesque *Just Another Day*, the sentimental *Candle dancer*, the heroic (and my personal favorite) *Key Largo*... The album is a masterpiece, music at it's best. Seeing Mr. Higgins perform live at our own Ontario Phare in Toronto was a pleasure. Looking forward to seeing him again this summer. *Pirates and Poets* not only equals the first album but surpasses it in quality. A treasure to own and listen to. *Beneath the Island Light*, *Pirates and Poets*, *Pleasure Pier* and *Never Looking Back*, are my personal favorites. I want to thank Mr. Higgins for two truly remarkable albums. In my opinion, his music is the finest.

Sincerely yours,
Jim Tsaporis
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Dear Bertie Higgins:

I thought perhaps you would be interested to know that your record *Key Largo* has become a great hit to the people in Witt, Illinois, a town of about 2000 people. The small neighborly town tavern had burned. When Mr. and Mrs. Martin rebuilt it they named it *Key Largo Club* because Mrs. Martin as she puts it "fell in love with your song." They and the customers have worn out five records which indicates to me they certainly like your song. When Mrs. Martin told me how she arrived at naming the tavern *Key Largo* I felt you should know.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Dorothy Vaughn
Granite City, Illinois



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PLEASE NOTE: As a regular feature in this newsletter, we will be featuring a current schedule of appearances. As our tour has not yet begun, we do not yet have that schedule but as soon as we know, you'll know and that's a promise!!

Get A Piece Of *Bertie's* Paradise

Order Now!

DES. NO. 101



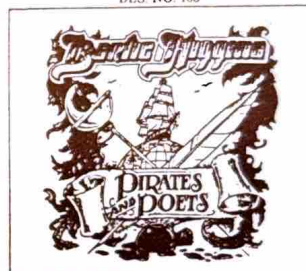
KEY LARGO

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JUST ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE

DES. NO. 103



PIRATES & POETS

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\$5.00 • Hand Painted Bandanna

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